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Litter my crust
Despoil my silence
Go on from me to
your future space.
Leave my center.
Do not cut too deep
for mystery still abounds
at my bowels.
Just as your homeland
has kept her secret
you will not find mine
no matter how you
pimple my crown
with your metals,
scar my crust with
your fuels,
bridge my craters
with weights and suspensions.
You will know no more
than your lands have told you.
Our only link is your
need to know
and mine to remain.
Even god does not remember.
There is none to tell
you where you are
nor who you are.
We floating rocks
are silence enmasse
and you cannot
torture that.

--Ruthie Wantling

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